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Definite Policy of Immigration for Canadian National Railways

WHEN, a little more than a year ago, Sir Henry W. Thornton, K.B.E., was chosen to head the Canadian National Railways, one of his first acts was to put into motion machinery for aiding in the colonization and development of Canada, particularly along the lines of the National System. He realized that one of the crying needs of Canada was for more population, and he has since been quoted, on several occasions as saying that if Canada had a population of twenty-five million people, Canada would have no railway problem.

The organization of a department to look after colonization and development was entrusted by Sir Henry to Mr. W. D. Robb, Vice-President, and Mr. Robb at once proceeded to build up the necessary organization to look after this most important national work. Investigations, conferences and careful planning gradually brought into being an effective department, the effort of the year culminating in the engagement of Dr. W. J. Black, Deputy Minister of Immigration and Colonization in the Federal Government, as Manager of the Colonization and Development Department of the Canadian National Railways, with headquarters in London, England. That was early in the Fall of 1923. Dr. Black proceeded at once to Great Britain, where he spent some weeks carrying out a series of investigations. These completed, he returned to Canada and a general conference of all officers of the department was called and a definite plan of colonization and development was drawn up and announced. This was the first definite announcement on immigration to be announced in Canada.

Dr. Black's Career

In engaging Dr. Black, the Canadian National Railways secured an officer who is probably better acquainted with the immigration needs of Canada, and the best methods of remedying those needs, than any other man in the country. All his life he has been connected with the agricultural industry and has run the gauntlet of all its intricate phases. He was born and brought up on a farm in Dufferin County, Ontario, and in 1902 graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College with a Toronto University degree. At his graduation he was appointed editor of the "Farmers' Advocate," Winnipeg, Manitoba, and he held this post for two years. In 1905 he joined the Government of Manitoba as Deputy Minister of Agriculture, a post which he left the following year to become President of the Manitoba Agricultural College. He remained in this important position until 1916, when he became Commissioner of Agriculture for Canada. At the conclusion of the Great War in 1918, Dr. Black was appointed Chairman of the Soldiers' Settlement Board of Canada, a position he held until his appointment, in 1921, as Deputy Minister of Immigration and Colonization for Canada.

Dr. Black is a man who is thoroughly respected, both for his opinions and his achievements, throughout Canada. He carries a lasting and genuine enthusiasm into his work, and as a quiet but eloquent and convincing speaker he is well fitted to broadcast the message of his important mission.



Dr. W. J. Black

The Policy.
There are seven points to the programme which has received the approval of Sir Henry W. Thornton, and the principles of policy will be placed into effect immediately. Dr. Black sailed for England again on January 5th, and on his arrival in London his department commenced to function actively. The thorough character of the policy can be judged from a recapitulation of the seven principles, which are as follows:

- 1—To influence the immigration and satisfactory settlement in Canada of the largest possible number of people of productive capacity that the country can absorb and assimilate.
- 2—To contribute to the dissemination of information concerning the vast and extensive natural resources of the Dominion and the widespread opportunities for industrial development, so that capital may be attracted from other countries and invested where enterprises will be legitimately rewarded.
- 3—To promote the land settlement of new Canadians under conditions that will ensure the maximum possibility of success in their farming operations, and enable them to enjoy such social and religious institutions as are necessary to individual happiness and contentment.
- 4—To encourage improvement in agriculture, that more diversified methods may be employed in farming, and that crop, livestock, and dairy production may be increased in accordance with market demands and prospects.
- 5—To assist by organized effort in the immigration of young people of desirable type and character, especially from Great Britain, and in their placement in respectable rural homes where they may become qualified to participate in constructive activities and acquire citizenship of distinct value to Canada.
- 6—To aid in the development of new opportunities for service and to facilitate every effective means of selecting immigrants physically fit and anxious for work.
- 7—To co-operate with the Federal and Provincial Governments and business organizations throughout the Dominion in promoting all measures calculated to contribute toward an increase in immigration of adaptable people, and in their settlement under the most favorable conditions possible.

Good glasses if you need them: good advice if you don't. Consult C. C. McKechnie if you have persistent headaches, or if you are troubled seeing to read, sew, knit, etc., C. C. McKechnie Graduate Optician, Chauvin

New silver coins about to be put into circulation in Austria are to be called the "Shilling," "doppel-schilling," and "half-schilling," out of compliment to Great Britain, to whom Austria owes her regeneration.

Chauvin G. W. V. A. Protest Against German Immigration

One of the matters of particular moment taken up at the regular meeting of the Chauvin Branch of the Great War Veterans on Saturday evening, January 26th, was a resolution strongly condemning the statement of C. T. Stacey, Secretary of the Board of Trade of Saskatoon, concerning the desirability of encouraging the immigration of German settlers to Canada.

Stacey's declaration, according to the newspapers, was to the following effect:—"That not only would three thousand Germans be welcome, but that thirty thousand would be correspondingly more so. And ended with the question 'Where would the west be today without the German farmer?'"

The meeting was unanimous in the opinion that not only were German settlers not welcome, but that utterances of the nature of that made by Secretary Stacey should be visited by the immediate resentment of the Canadian public and in particular by that of all organizations of returned men expressed in most positive terms, through the press, and to the offender in person.

The members of the Chauvin Branch of the G.W.V.A. feel that the memory of German perfidy, brutality, and violation of all principles of humanity and rules of civilized warfare is too fresh in our minds, and that the sincerity of German willingness to keep the peace among nations is at present too open to question, and too much of a menace to the world at large for the people of Canada to go the length of encouraging huge settlements of these people in our midst.

Chauvin Village Council Meeting

The newly elected members of the Chauvin Village Council met at the residence of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. N. Freeman at eight o'clock, Monday, January 21, 1924. Cllrs. A. E. Keith, D. W. Parcels, and A. Herbert taking the oath of office. E. Keith was unanimously elected reeve for the year 1924.

The minutes of the council meeting held November 5 were read and adopted on motion of Cllrs Parcels and Herbert.

Received from the Treasury Dept. the sum of \$4 being rent for the fire hall used as polling booth.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—

A' E' Keith (Rink)	4.50
F' Cargill (roads)	5.00
G. Goede (rink)	3.00
J. A. MacKenzie (rink interest)	51.00
G. B. Mathews (bond)	3.15

Report of J. Butterfield, Health Officer, on general conditions of the village was read. The report was very satisfactory as to the sanitary conditions of the town.

M. Herbert—D. W. Parcels; that Mr. H. N. Freeman, Secretary-Treasurer be re-engaged at the same salary as in 1923, \$200. Carried.

Resolved that the reeve and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques and to conduct banking business with the Bank of Montreal, Chauvin. Carried.

Resolved that the Council meet on the first Monday of each month. Carried.

Local Scots Gather In Large Numbers To Burns Celebration

Whole hearted fun and enjoyment characterised the Burns celebration held under the auspices of the Chauvin St. Andrews Society in the Odd-fellows' hall last Friday night.

The hall was crowded to capacity. Visitors from Unity, Hayter, Artland, Ribstone and other points supplementing the large turnout. At the last moment it became necessary to lay a fourth table and at that many of the guests had to wait for the second sitting before they could partake of the characteristic Scotch repast.

The toast list called forth a number of interesting and lengthy speeches, all of which were of a very high standard and so keenly enjoyed that it came as a surprise to the hearers to learn that it was past one o'clock before the final speech had been made.

W. Petrie, Vice-President, having proposed the toast to "The King," Mr. T. H. Armour, the President, proposed that of "The immortal Memory," referring to the arrival of the early Scotch immigrants at Pictou whose high ideals and traditions had been fully maintained by their descendants and had exercised a tremendous influence for good in the up-building of Canada. These ideals he added had been worthily expressed by Scotland's great poet, Burns, from whose poems he gave numerous quotations.

The toast to "Scotland" was ably proposed by J. A. MacKenzie who dived deep into Scottish history and proved the invincible character of the Scotch from the earliest period of history. He enlarged upon the high traditions of the Scottish race and their generosity.

J. J. MacDonald of Unity, president of the Saskatchewan Press Association, responding to this toast, gave what may be rightly called the speech of the evening. He gave a graphic description of Auld Scotia, bringing vividly before his hearers minds the beauties of its hills, dales, lakes and rivers. Vividly he pictured old Scottish homes with their joys, sorrows (Continued on page four)

M. D. Ribstone Council: Minutes Of Meeting

Regular meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Ribstone No. 421 held at the Council Chamber at Chauvin on Saturday January 26th at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Present: Councillors, Belanger, Dalrymple, Sewell, McCluskey and Tunney; Reeve Ferguson Prtsiding.

Minutes of the last preceeding meeting were read and Councillor McCluskey moved that same be adopted as read. Carried.

C.N.R. Assessment: Letter was read from the Canadian National Railways together with an appeal against the valuation of the property of the Company and asking that a new valuation be laid without taking into consideration the improvements made by the Railway Company. Secretary explained that, according to the M. D. Act, no appeals were supposed to be heard until the end of the fifth year and this assessment was now entering the fifth year. After a full discussion (Continued on Page Two)

OUR SHORT STORY

The Way Of A Woman

Country Constable Sykes by aid of a match stub and a frosted window pane was figuring out how the year just about spent had gone with him, when there sounded the stamping of feet in the packed snow outside. His office door opened, letting in a chill wind and closed again with a bang.

"Morning, Cap'n," greeted the constable. His back was toward the door and he had not turned from the window.

"How in time did you know it was me, Sykes?"

The man who had just entered was short and roly-poly. His wind bitten face glowed red with the cold. To the fringe of whisker beneath his chin clung tiny opals of ice.

Constable Sykes scratched and figures 600 in the front and wrote the words "Pressing debts" after them. Then he turned towards his visitor.

"A detective, Cap'n, has got to know a lot," he said enigmatically. He's got to have eyes in the back of his head so to speak. I knowed nobody but a sailor or a railroad man, would slam a door shed like you just slammed that one. There's no railroad men in Peach Valley and there's only one sailor, and he's Cap'n Stubbs retired. Be I right or be I wrong."

Captain Stubbs kicked a chair close to the stove and setting himself, combed his goatee with fingers.

"Retired's right, Sykes," he returned gloomily. "I might as well be dead and buried by tempest, as the way I'm fixed."

"You got a fine home," Sykes reminded him, "a wife as dotes on you and a darter—"

"Ho!" on there, mate," interrupted the captain. "I reckon I'm better qualified to know what kind of a wife and darter I've got than you be; and I'm goin' to tell you right now them two female women are crazy—yep" as Sykes' blue eyes grew round, plumb crazy."

"Meanin'", invited Sykes, filling his pipe and passing his tobacco to his friend, "meanin' what Cap'n?"

"Meanin' by Jingoos, neither of 'em knows a snug harbor when they find it. Bound to pull anchor, they be, an' beat out across shoals when they order be layin' snug an' tight."

"I see" nodded Sykes.

"No, you don't; in spite of eyes in the back of your head, you don't see," gnashed the other. "So I'm going to try and make you see, Sykes. I'm wanting your help."

He swung towards the constable and transfigured him with sharp, brush-shadowed eyes. "Remember the time I fished you out of the lake and you said—"

"Cap'n Stubbs," interrupted the constable indignantly, "you don't need to remind me of the fishin' or my promise to you, tither. A Sykes don't require to be reminded of a promise. I told you that if the time ever came when I could do you a good turn—"

"Well, it's come, by tempest! cried Stubbs. "Listen Sykes. You know young Jim Crayley, the feller my gal Mabel is yoin' to marry, don't you?"

Sykes nodded. "Fine young feller Cap'n, and he's got the best farm in the country—"

"And about as much backbone as a jelly fish" snorted Stubbs, "when it comes to bossin' a woman. He stands six feet one in his socks that boy, and (Continued on page six)

M. D. Ribstone Council: Minutes Of Meeting

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ion in which the Council sat as a court of revision, the appeal was disallowed on motion of Counc. Belanger.

Letter was read from the Bank of Montreal on behalf of W. R. Minnick, refusing the offer of the council of \$25. in settlement of his claim, and stating that he would accept \$50 and that this offer would hold good until the next meeting of the Council had considered same.

Clr. Tunney moved, that no change be made and that the former offer of the Council be allowed to stand. Carried.

Mrs. F. Munroe: Cth. McCluskey reported having instructed the issue

by the Secretary of the sum of \$15 by way of relief in this case, under the understanding that that amount would meet the requirements, and would be all that this M.D. would be liable to pay.

Clr. Dallyn moved that this payment be authorized. Carried.

Correspondence: Business Tax. Bawlf Elevator. Letter was read from Bawlf Elevator Company's Solicitor, claiming that that Company is not liable for business tax on its elevator property before the year 1924. Secretary stated that according to the amendments to M.D. Act, authority to tax for business purposes was given during the 1921 session of the legislature and that the tax referred to was in view of this quite legal and in order.

Secretary submitted the facts to the

proper authorities for an opinion, and Clr. Dallyn moved that the matter be allowed to stand over until next meeting to allow further letters to be considered. Carried.

Mrs. Myrtle Lassel: Letter was read from Mr. MacKenzie re the circumstances of Mrs. Earl Lassel, and Secretary reported as to needs, and recommended a temporary arrangement of \$30 per month until the estate was wound up and a fuller idea as to financial standing arrived at.

Clr. Dallyn moved that this arrangement be approved. Carried.

National Trust Company and Mrs. Butler: Letters were read in regard to monies paid by the National Trust Company as taxes, in the sum of \$100. in regard to the land held by Mrs. Butler. These charges had been understood of late years to be a charge

on the land in priority to all other claims and the money had been collected on this understanding. The Company threatened suit, and the Secretary quoted a recent ruling of the Supreme Court to the effect that relief monies advanced by an M.D. and charged to the parties on the Assessment Roll shall not be of the same nature as taxes collectable and shall not have priority over a mortgagee.

Clr. Sewell moved that the sum of \$100 collected from the National Trust Company in this regard be refunded. Carried.

Mutual Life and Taxes: Grain under seizure. Letters read re-monies received under Municipal seizures asking that the monies be applied in payment of taxes where the crop seized belonged.

Clr. McCluskey moved that, seeing that the monies had already been properly applied, no change be made. Carried.

Immigrant Farm Help: Letter was read from S. S. B. asking the Council to assist in placing Immigrants as farm helpers, and application forms presented.

Clr. Dallyn moved, that the forms be kept in readiness by the Secretary for the use of those needing such farm help. Carried.

Accounts & Time Sheets: The following accounts and time sheets were presented and ordered paid on motion of Clr. Tunney. Western Municipal News, \$29, Provincial Training School \$30. Mothers Allowance \$7.50. Burroughs Adding Machine Co. \$3.85. C. W. Ryall, \$2, H. Rouillard, \$62.50, J. C. Reinhart, \$6.

Clr. McCluskey moved that the meeting be adjourned, and the next meeting be held at Ribstone on Saturday the 16th February at the Municipal hall at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon. Carried.

Edgerton Echoes

Apropos of his particular time of the year. Take heed: "A chiel's among ye takin' notes, an' faith he'll print them."

E.W. Bonner and his rink returned from the Edmonton 'spiel. 'Butch' brought back, and showed us, one of the cutest little mugs of silverware we have ever seen. We think it must have been used to empty out the large-sized ones before their owners relinquished them to their covetous successors. Maybe 'Butch' was helping to empty one of them and — — Naw! perish the thought.

W. D. Murdoch journeyed to Edmonton last week and, there is little doubt he will be on the scene to see who will be crowned champion of the 1924 'spiel. Walter is one of the most feared skips in this neck of the woods, and is too enthusiastic a curler to pass such a treat as the finals of this great competition will be.

Just think of the Edmonton 'spiel with its 93 competing rinks, the winning rink would be awfully near to 100 per cent perfection wouldn't it? Good luck to them..

Eugene Smith got his face into the way of a hockey stick in a practise game here and the stick just raked the off the hide as a matter of course. Luckily there wasn't much 'dip' to the stick and it did not dig in very deep, but at that it was painful enough.

We must humbly apologise for our utter inappreciation of Mr. W. Petrie's courage and determination in performing his duties as D.D.G.M. of the I.O.O.F. (some of you don't know quite what that funny decoction of letters mean) in coming to Edgerton a week ago Thursday. We simply forgot all about it as there were so many 'echoes' tickling us to get put into this column, but, now although we are late, you bet Bill was here and we had a good time; and the work

was done. Herbert Cameron donned his trusty skis and hied himself northwards on Saturday with Mr. Miles; but incidentally we believe his ambition was to negotiate the fine Battle River jump. He may have aspirations for Chamonix, who knows.

After a solid week's grind on figures, the change will be a welcome one for H. C. said that, morning, noon and night it was nothing but figures, figures, figures.

Otto Dempsey spent the week with Mr. Boyd who audited the Vale Municipality books.

The 'Beckies' held a most enjoyable social evening on Tuesday 22nd inst. Quite a nice crowd turned out and many old time song composers and poets lost their laurels through the inability of the various competitors at this social.

Gorton's old time dance is now a thing of the past. There was a big crowd and a splendid time. The hall was packed and so was the floor, every dance. Appline sawed the catgut, the Tennant boys shook their feet Mrs. Gorton catered a splendid lunch, and we all went home tickled.

'Sparky and Barney' had their usual weekly saunt around the various thoroughfares of the city. Reminds us of the palmy days of Riverside Park.

Edgerton Hockey team went to Chauvin and came back home again. Song:—Oh, dry those tears away.

Considerable is being said and done on our local curling ice, anent a proposition 'The Lawrence Memorial' and Scotty said so much that he got licked to a standstill and Sid Pawsey is just about going the same way. Stay with the ship, boys.

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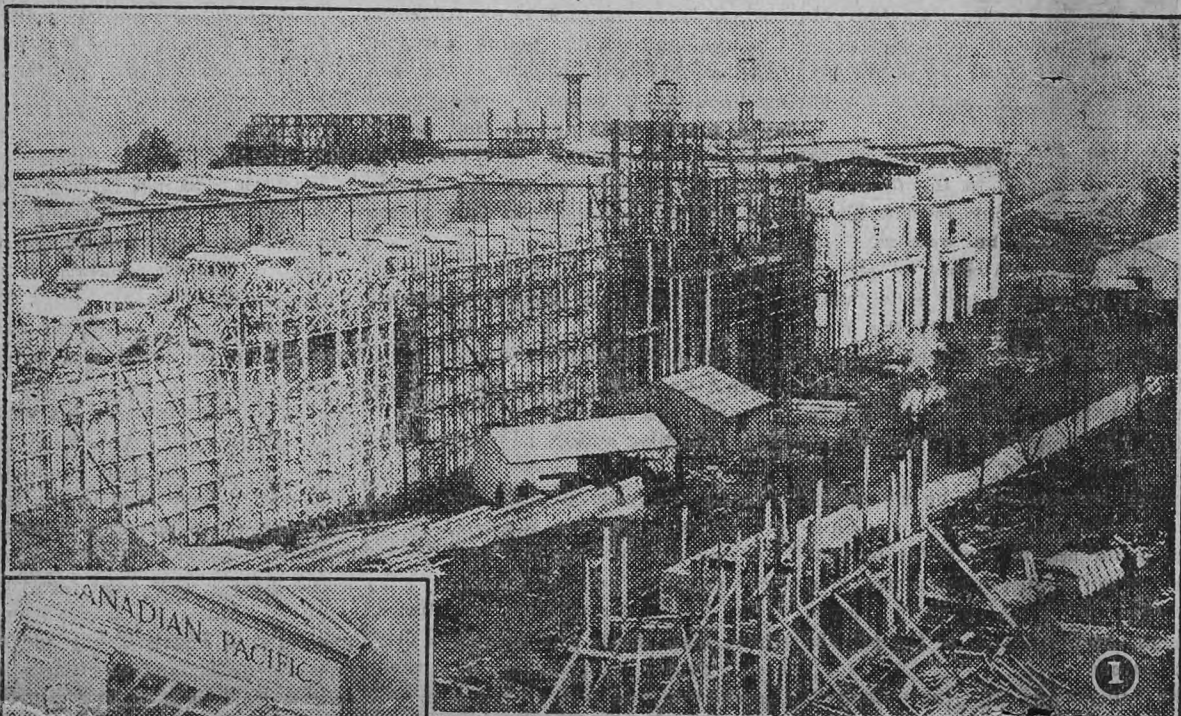


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Canada at British Empire Exhibition



(1) The Canadian Pavilion with the towers of the Indian building in the background. (2) Entrance to the Canadian Pacific building. (3) Showing the progress made in the building of bridges and lakes with the Malaya Pavilion in the background.

Showing the Canadian Pavilion, at Wembley, under course of construction. As portions of the Canadian space allotment have been given over to the two great railway systems, the building which will house the Government exhibits will be somewhat smaller than those of other Dominions, but a great deal of time and money has been spent on its design and decoration, with the result that it promises to be the gem of the British Empire Exhibition. The photograph shows the progress made up to the end of December.

Inset is shown the entrance to the Canadian Pacific pavilion. This building is grouped with the Canadian Government pavilion with which it has been designed to harmonize. A massive simple entrance, two stories high,

deeply recessed with painted and coffered ceiling, richly colored doors and grilles of Canadian wood, approached by a broad flight of steps flanked on either side by a bronze moose and buffalo, is the centre of a facade enriched with decorated panels and columns. The strong color scheme of this entrance is emphasized at night by a unique lighting effect.

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Airlie U. F. A.

A meeting of the Airlie U.F.A. was held in the schoolhouse January 23rd. There was a good attendance. W. Cargill, Vice-President occupied the Minutes of previous meeting were read.

Moved E. Callin—C. Mathison that minutes be adopted as rectified.

(Error) Mrs. Manson as director in stead of C. Mathison. Carried.

Moved Wm. Montgomery —W. Johnston that President and Treasurer do all banking business for U.F.A. No. 625. Carried.

Chairman made a few remarks about members duty to their local and conditions of Agriculture at present.

F. Hinshaw proposed that a few chapters of the book "Deep Furrows" be read at meetings. This was agreed to.

Moved Wm. Cargill—C. Mathison, that an entertainment committee be appointed.4 Carried.

G. Gibb was nominated by C. Mathison—W.Cargill.

C. D. Cargill was nominated by Wm. Cargill—Wm. Dundas.

Wm. Cargill was nominated by G. Gibb—P. Manson.

G. Gibb, C. D. Cargill, Wm. Cargill were elected.

Moved C. Mathison—B. Gibb. that we hold Annual Dance on February 29th and that a charge of admittance be Gents. 75c. Ladies to bring cake. Carried.

Moved W. Dundas—W. Johnston that dance committee appointed. Carried.

W. Johnston was nominated by F. Cargill—W. Montgomery;

W. Montgomery was nominated by C. Mathison—W. Johnston.

F. Cargill was nominated by W. Montgomery—E. Callin.

W. Johnston, W. Montgomery and F. Cargill were elected.

Moved G. Gibb—E. Callin that bachelors supply sandwiches. Carr'd.

Moved F. Cargill—G. Gibb that U.F.A. members attend to heating of the school for church services. Carr'd.

The chairman called for volunteers. C. Mathison to commence Feb. 3rd.

Others W. Montgomery, E. Callin, G. Gibb, W. Dundas, W. Johnston, F. Hinshaw.

Next meeting to be held Feb. 13.

Moved E. Callin—P. Manson that meeting take the form of a social. Carried.

Meeting adjourned to the singing of the National Anthem.

Butter Production

In Saskatchewan

Creamery butter production in Saskatchewan passed the 10,000,000 pound mark for the first time, according to the November returns. The production for that month was 444,344 pounds, making the output since Jan. 1, 1923, 10,121,702 pounds, an increase of 1,551,795 pounds or 18.1 per cent over the corresponding period of 1922. The greatest increases in production occurred in the central and northern sections of the province.

Clarks Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce, 7 cans for \$1 at Sakers'

Wedding Bells

GORDON-GRAHAM

The marriage of Miss Sadie Graham and Mr. John A. Gordon took place on Wednesday last. A journey was made by car to Chauvin where the ceremony was performed at the Manse, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. W. MacKenzie. The bride who was given away by her father (Mr. John Graham) was beautifully attired in a dress of white satin and lace, with a dainty sprinkling of orange blossom. Her bridesmaid (Miss Johnanna Peterson) wore a pretty dress of brown taffeta.

Mr. Andrew Gordon acted as his brother's best man. Others present at this ceremony included Mr. and Mrs. John Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott, Mrs. Paterson wearing a dress of crepe de chene trimmed with gold lace, and Mrs. Harry Scott a dress of white satin. After the ceremony the party were photographed on the verandah of Mr. D. W. Parcel's house who along with Mrs. Parcel entertained the bridal party to afternoon tea, after which they again entered their cars and the return journey made back to Icelibien Farm Artland (the bride's residence) where a great crowd had gathered on the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham in honor of the occasion.

Confetti greeted their arrival and much fun was caused by its use. As soon as possible the first table was sat down to the wedding breakfast, and included at this table were the near relatives of the happy couple, as well as a few personal friends.

The bride cut the wedding cake and Mr. G. Lawson proposed "The Bride" Her newly made husband responded in a most fitting manner.

"The Bridesmaid" was responded to by the best man in an appropriate and amusing speech, "The Bride's Mother" by Mr. Jas. W. Coe, responded to on behalf of Mrs. Graham by Mr. Ken. W. Coe. It required three more sittings to satisfy the number that had gathered together, however in time the tables were cleared away and removed in order to make room for the various methods used in entertaining the invited guests.

Several song and chorus items were rendered, Mrs. Foley accompanying all in her usual capable manner. Intense merriment was caused by the appearance of the "Police" (Mr. H. Scott) who on displaying his "star" made several notable "arrests" which were duly tried by the "Judge" (Mr. J. McKague), the Clerk of the Court" being Mr. John Graham. Lunch was served and then dancing commenced.

It was astonishing to note how many of the 74 present could get on the floor at once. During the evening Mr. Graham made a few remarks. In a voice, broken with emotion he referred 'to losing his daughter' point-out her sterling qualities, his remarks were received with great applause as all who knew Sadie knew how true they were. The many valuable presents showed the general love and esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are held by one and all. Dancing and other amusements were continued until the late hours of morning, and then a break was made and the people gradually dispersing, but it was not until much later that the last guests left.

In her arrangements Mrs. Graham received much valuable help and assistance from Mrs. Geo. Masson and Mrs. R. E. Watson, assisted by many others who helped in making this event "The Catch of the Season"

The celebrations were continued on Friday evening January 25th with a dance in Brady School which will be referred to later.

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A full report of the dance at Brady is held over until the next issue.

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During twelve months ended October 31st last auto trucks and passenger cars to the value of \$33,319,000 were exported by Canadian manufacturers.

Notes From The North East

Ye regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Ross of Artland. Our sympathies go out to Mrs. McRae in the sad loss she has sustained'

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Mr. Harry Scott will be pleased to hear from any one wishing to attend the free courses in Tractor machines under the Advance-Dumley Co' The first is from March 4th to 7th, the second from the 11th to 14th, to be held in Saskatoon'

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Real Soap Chips, white 2 lbs for 25c at Saker's.

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Have you got to know what it is Axel anyway congratulations'

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Look for next weeks announcement re the Masquerade Ball to be held in Learig School in February.

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Wonder if everyone has got over the festivities of last year yet?

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Policeman: "This man is a lawyer by day and a burglar at night, yer honour."

Magistrate: "Which was he arrested for?"

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Editorial Comment

That the three prairie provinces of Canada should be welded into one large province, with one central government, was suggested by a prominent official of the organized body of lumbermen recently.

At first sight there is much to commend this idea. First it should stand for greater economy of government and administration. Second, it should stand for uniform provincial laws. Third, it should tend to establish uniformity of commercial practices.

The foregoing are all inestimable advantages—not lightly to be disregarded. Their very force may appeal to so many that the proposal might easily gather sufficient public approval to make the question become one of current political interest and consideration.

However, the present division of the Canadian prairies into three distinct provinces was a wise step in the first instance. And as development grows, the wisdom will become more apparent.

The three provinces, whilst having many problems in common, are developing essentially different problems in their growth. The problems of Manitoba are not those of Saskatchewan, while those of Saskatchewan have essential differences from Alberta's.

Manitoba has at present the key position. Winnipeg is to a large extent the commercial capital of the three provinces. Whilst her farmers, with earlier harvests and shorter rail haul, have little interest in the problems of the two sister provinces on their west.

Saskatchewan's chief interest lay in her extensive wheat fields, and in

a lesser degree, mixed farming and lumbering. Her farmers have more interests in the transportation questions, because to a greater degree their very profit depends upon its prompt solution.

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Manitoba because of her economic grip of the west might well favor amalgamation of the three provinces. Alberta because of her proximity to the coast province would be equally justified in opposing amalgamation. Whilst the attitude of Saskatchewan might be forecasted as being in favor of home rule—for home rule's sake.

Alberta has already learnt to her cost the lack of sympathy shown by Manitoba farmers towards the fight for a cheaper freight rate in the mountain section of the railroad. She knows that the commercial interests of Winnipeg regard Alberta as part of their zone, and will not bestir themselves to facilitate an outlet or an inlet to and from the west.

Saskatchewan's interest in the western outlet is less than Alberta's and the policy of the Hudson Bay route appeals more strongly to them.

Manitoba has cheaper water power than her sisters. Alberta has cheaper coal and lumber. Saskatchewan mid-way suffers the greatest handicap in these matters.

The foregoing is the briefest possible outline of the fundamentals that affect the politics and progress of the three provinces. It is inevitable and right that each province should seek the best solution to their problems, and that there will arise differences of activities, which viewed superficially appear antagonistic.

It is to be remembered that the three provinces, each larger than an average European country, are only yet at the very beginning of their growth and development. As time goes on the growth will provide more than sufficient to tax the working capacity of each provincial government.

We want union—"real union". And we rest our case with the statement that real union is best accomplished by each province working out its own problems, having at the same time an intelligent regard for the interests of its sister provinces.

Death of Mr. O. T. Lien

We regret to learn, at the moment of going to press, of the death of Mr. T. Lien at Rochester, January 25th. The deceased is father of Mrs. Ole Nysetvold. The funeral is being conducted today at Roros.

Local Notes Of Interest

Mr. W. J. Harris is paying a visit to his mother, who is in poor health, at Kenmar, North Dakota. He will also visit other relatives and friends during his visit to the States.

Mrs. G. McArdie of New Norway and two of her sons are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herbert.

The Roros U.F.A. announce that they will hold their annual oyster supper on February 22nd. Keep this date in mind.

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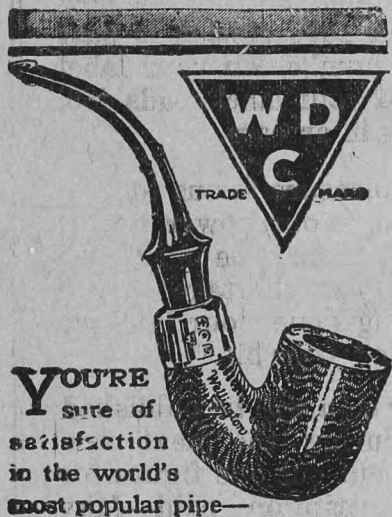
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—oh, by cripes!" he broke off— what is the use of sayin' anythin' more. Here's the trouble, Sykes. There's another feller that Mabel's got hold of, an' he's over at the house now. Going to spend New Year's with us."

"But how about Jim?" questioned Sykes. "Isn't he spendin' New Year' with you, too?"

"Course he is," snorted the captain. "That's to say, he intended to, but this morning he comes to me and tells me he's goin' home. Claims Mabel ain't got no more use for him since she me this city feller."

Sykes frowned. "An' what's he like?" "This city feller Why, he's a dude. Dresses like a prince and talks like a dictionary. He's got Ma and Mabel eatin' right out his hand."

"But who is he, Cap'n.?"

"Darned if I know," sighed the captain. "All I know he's here at my place and it looks like he's goin' to crowd Jim clean off the map. I've told Ma what I think about hull proceedin's an' I've down the law to that girl, but, Sykes, you know women."

"Nobody better," agreed the constable. "That's why you see me still bachelor, Cap'n."

"Humph," snorted Stubbs.

"Well, what are you goin' to do about it?" asked Sykes, as he replenished the fire.

"I've done the only thing left to do announced the captain. "I've come to you. You gotta think of some way to can this know-it-all fortun' hunter from the city. I don't intend leavin' my little pile where it'll be spent foolis' or lettin' my little gal tie herself up to life long misery either by Cripes. Ma won't let me kick this Jerome feller out and Mabel says I can't insult a guest. I wanted Jim to get him away, somewheres where its lonesome and lick the Sam Hill outin' him—but Jim thinks that ud hurt Mabel So there you be, Sykes. What in tarnation am I to do?"

"You say Missus Stubbs sort of favors this Mister Jerome?" asked Sykes. "In just what way, Cap'n."

"Lots of ways," groaned Stubbs.

"All ways. Here's a sample. You know there's been quite a lot of burglaries committed lately, Sykes. Well, I allars kep a snug bit of money in the house Ma, she's scared of thieves, and this smart Alex, Jerome, he's been tellin' us what a deuce of a feller he is with his fists and a revolver. Ma says she feels a lot safer havin' him around. He's been tellin' her and Mabel just what he'd do if a thief poked his head in a house where he was. Oh they think he's got lots of courage; think he's a hero and all that bunk."

He sighed and looked appealingly at his friend.

"Sykes there's a lot of people who laugh at you and say you're a joke; but I don't share their opinion any. I believe you've got brains and I sure want you to use 'em on my behalf. Will you do it Sykes?"

The constable got up from his chair and crossed to the window.

"A detective" he said sadly "can't allars bring his analytical mind to bear proper on intricate problems. Right this moment I must confess, Cap'n., my mind's too troubled to grasp details necessary to the workin' out of a plan that'll effectively oust this menace to the happiness of Jim Crayley and your darter Mabel."

He underscored with a finger the figures 600 etched in the frosted pane. "What's that?" asked Stubbs wonderingly.

Sykes pointed to the words "Pressing debts."

"If only I wasn't so worried over that, now," he sighed dismally, "I'm purty sure I could think out a plan."

Promptly the captain's hand dipped into his trousers pocket. "You turn the trick, Sykes," he cried eagerly, "and I'll pay every durned debt you owe; and here's a ten spot to bind the bargain."

Sykes came slowly back to his chair.

He took the bill and folded it though fully.

"Now, let's see," he spoke cheerfully. "Just let me get my brain working at top speed for a minute or two."

"Take your time," said the captain. He lit his pipe and closed his eyes.

He opened them, five minutes later to the touch of Sykes' hand on his arm.

"I've got it, Cap'n" Sykes cried. "Here's my plan."

"Spit it out," urged Stubbs, sitting erect. "And remember, if it don't go over—"

"I'll go over, all hunky," Sykes promised. "First off, let me make sure of one thing, though. You don't suppose you've got this city feller all wrong. d'ye? There ain't no chance of him being the roarin' thief catcher he says he is, is they?"

"Not none," growled the captain. "I tell you if that dude, Jerome, just so much as glimpsed a robber he'd jump clean out of his store clothes making his get-way. If I know men, that feller's yaller as a sunfish's belly Sykes."

"Good. And Jim Grayley?"

The captain's seamed face cracked in a grin. "Wal, now I ain't saying just what Jim would do if he caught sly-boy hanging round. Kick him into the middle of next week, likely. He's got a punch like a piston rod, that boy. Aain't nuthin' yaller about him, Sykes, if that's what you mean."

"That's what I want know," said Sykes, "cause" he paused to give his words greater effect. "there's going to be a burglar at your house to-night Cap'n."

Stubbs squirmed and blinked up at him.

"Are you gone crazy?" he wanted to know.

"Not any", returned the constable. "This here burglary is goin' to be a fake one, though."

"For why?"

"To show up this yaller guy from the

city. that's why," explained Sykes.

"I see," nodded Stubbs. He looked admiringly at Spkes. 'Who's goin' to be the robber?"

"I be"

"You be?" Stubbs almost fell off his chair. "Why, consarn it, man, Jim will just about kill you, if he catches you," he warned.

"We'll let Jim in on't to be sure" Sykes said. "I'm willing 'nuff to take a wallop or two, but I don't want my head knockel sidewise on my neck. Jim's got to keep his steam down, we can't point that out too strong to him either."

Stubbs shook his head dubiously. "I'm warnin' you Jim's kind of excitable and just might forget for a minute tnat you're only a sham burglar" he said. 'But you order be willing to stand a few slams for six hundred iron men, Sykes."

"I be," returned the constable, grimly. "A few, yes. But not a hull lot. Jim's got to keep the brakes, on, seee."

"I'll caution him, Sykes," promised Stubbs, as he rost to fo. "And Sykes, if you put this thing over, I'll allars say that you're there when it comes to helpin' a feller out of trouble."

enough for the two of 'em."

"I'll help you out of yourn, all hunky," Sykes promised. "It's up to you to have the stage all set, Cap'n. I'll arrive about one in the mornin' There's a moon tonight. You see the kitchen winder's unfastened and everything set. Better leave the kitchen light burnin' so's Mabel kin see Jim in action and the Jerone feller run."

"O" course," complained the captain. Ma'll be sure to faint, and miss all the fun. I'd sure like her to see that city feller makin' his run to another harbor, but I reckon Mabel'll see

At the door he paused. "We'll be all ready for action at one" he grinned. 'An' Sykes, if this thing goes off right I'm sure going to have a happy New Year's Day."

Reaching home, Captain Stubbs found his daughter and her visitor playing duets in the parlor.

"Where's Ma?" he questioned shortly, ignoring the urbane Jerome.

"Out in the dining room," his daughter answered without taking her eyes from the music.

"What you doin' with the clock, Ma he asked.

Mrs Stubbs turned and faced him. She was a big comfortable looking woman, but now the captain read danger signals in her flashing eyes and compressed lips.

"I'm hidin' the money you refuse to keep in a bank, if you must know," she answered sharply.

"But fer why?" grinned the exasperating captain.

"You ask that" cried, knowin' that two more burglaries have been committed right here in the village almost under our noses. Everybody knows you keep a lot of money by your It'll be as, next."

"O, I guess not Ma," purred the captain. "Not while we have a champion thief catcher like your pretty Mister Jerome to guard us."

"Don't you dast say one word agin him," flared his wife. 'He's a gentleman, and he's as brave and strong as he's gentle, too."

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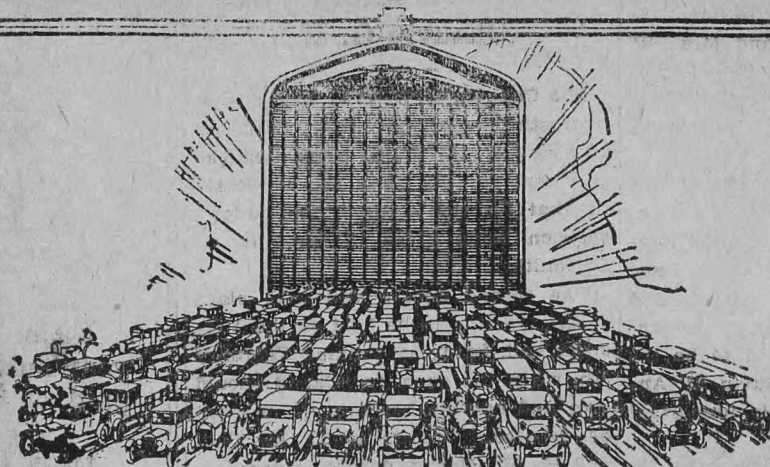
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Following are today's prices of a few of the materials used in the manufacturing of farm machinery.

Oak Lumber	3	times as high as in 1914
Pole Sack	21-2	times as high as in 1914
Pine Crating	2	times as high as in 1914
Steel Bars	21-5	times as high as in 1914
Soft Centre Plow Steel	2	times as high as in 1914
Cold Rolled Steel	2	times as high as in 1914
Pig Iron	13-4	times as high as in 1914
Coke	22-3	times as high as in 1914
Cotton Duck	21-5	times as high as in 1914

With materials and Labor two to three times as high as in 1914, it would be fair to assume that equipment made out of those elements should cost the farmer twice what he paid in 1924. While some machines are selling at such prices, the average of all farm machines is much lower. Keep in mind, too, that farm machines have been substantially improved in durability and efficiency, and are not comparable with 1914 models. High materials and labor prices are the natural result of present industrial expansion, following on the heels of the war.

The building industry, railroad construction and rt-equipment, high-way roads, bridges, (all long delayed), and the tremendous rise in the automobile industry, are requiring vast quantities of steel, iron, lumber and labor—the same factors that enter into farm

equipment manufacture.

Neither the farmer nor the implement manufacturer can control the situation. The closing of implement plants, while affecting labor locally, would have no general effect on the cost of labor and material because both would be easily absorbed elsewhere. The farm equipment industry, while vitally necessary has but a small influence on the trend of material and labor costs. The principal reason is high wages. The present cost of the farmer's wages is a good illustration, \$3. per day then, as compared with \$6 now, with less efficiency just about governs the factory, forest, mining, shipping and all other situations now and it is a fact that over 80 per cent of the price the farmer pays for implements is the cumulative wages cost from the forest and the mine to the finished machine in his hands. The manufacturer has to depend entirely on hired help, which makes his situation worse than the farmer's in this respect. The losses to

the International Harvester Co. alone are many millions of dollars which have followed the millions of dollars war losses, and while a knowledge of this situation will unfortunately not increase the price of wheat, it will prove to the farmer that the farm implement manufacturers are not making money at his expense but just trying to carry on until the farmer's position has in some way improved so he can afford to buy machinery at a price that will be satisfactory to all.

Even at the present prices farm implements are the cheapest per pound of any thing the farmer buys. A 7 foot binder F.O.B. Saskatoon retail 1923 price was \$271 or 15 cents a lb. and the cheapest car on the market was 40c a lb at the same time a 7 foot binder at 40c a lb would be \$724. Compare a binder at 15c a lb with any other metal or wood article the farmer buys: for instance—a lawn mower 24c a lb. a bicycle \$1.37 a lb, coal stove 17½c a lb, gasoline stove 37c a lb, kitchen range 18c a lb, washing machine 21c a lb, churn 22½c a lb, wheel barrow 15½c a lb, clothes wringer 22 7-10c a lb, meat chopper 45c a lb, hand vice 27½c a lb, and the cheapest of all things a garbage can 15c a lb, the same as a binder.

The above are Winnipeg prices and may be much higher here, but this will show the farmer that farm implements are still cheap compared to other equipments, and as over 80 per cent of the price of farm implements is wages, the farmer will readily see that implement manufacturers are in the same fix as he is and the only reason that they are able to stay in business is by having something to sell during all seasons, and the farmers who are gradually diversifying their output are succeeding much better than those who are raising alone.

We hope the above evidence which we have compiled from authentic facts and figures will be of some information to the farmers who are interested in the purchase of new farm equipment.

J. A. PROCTOR,
Artland, Sask.

Ribstone W. I. Notes

The entertainment advertised for the 25th of January in the Municipal Hall given by the Ribstone Womens' Institute has been postponed until 1st February. Don't forget the date, everybody welcome. Admission 3¢. Adults; Children under 12 years 15c.

You can get Fleischmann's Yeast at Saker's.

Edgerton Hockey Boys Defeated at Chauvin

The first game between the Edgerton and Chauvin Hockey teams was played at Chauvin, Saturday evening. It started with a bang, and both teams were on their toes most of the time. Combination was somewhat weak at the beginning but strengthened as the game progressed.

Stewart scored the first goal, and shortly after Yank Jackson drove the puck into the net for Edgerton. Many good break-aways were made on both sides, but most were stopped successfully—perhaps too easily because of lack of combination. Stewart again netted the puck before the end of the opening period.

Warming up was noticeable in the second period, three times Rodden won the cheers of the fans by driving the puck through the Edgerton goalie's defence. Sawyer broke through the chauvin lines and scored one for Edgerton.

Both teams started the third period with a determination to win and the play became very keen. Pierce netted the first for Chauvin and Sawyer yet another for the visitors. Vic Wheeler next scored, but Edgerton's rising hopes were disappointed by Rodden and Pierce each scoring for the home team before time was called.

The resultant score was Chauvin 8; Edgerton 4.

The line up was as follows:

Edgerton	Chauvin
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Yank Jackson Defence	C. Stewart
Jim Wheeler	W. Rodden
Pat Morrow(forward	I. Goede
Roy Sparks	G. Pierce
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Canadian National lines have handled more grain into Vancouver from Sept. 1 to date by six hundred cars than was handled in the previous twelve months, according to official figures given out at Winnipeg. J. R. Cameron, assistant general manager at Banvouver, states that with the prospect of at least three new big elevators being built at Vancouver before the opening of another grain season, as well as the new cleaning elevator at Edmonton, this year will see all grain records shattered at Vancouver.

Cattle Market For Alberta

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The Way Of A Woman

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"Mebbeso", mirmed the captain "I ain't sayin' nothin' agin him. But where's Jim?" he asked, glancing about him.

"I guess he's up to his room," answered his wife shortly.

The captain went out and up the stairs. He was grinning as he knocked, "you listen here."

"Come in" cried a booming voice, and Stubbs slid into the room. He closed the door behind him and locked it.

"Jim," he said. "I got somethin' to say to you. Stop packin' that suitcase and set down on the bed. Now then as the young giant stared and obeyed, "you listen her."

The captain in the fewest words possible proceeded to tell his young visitor what was going to happen that night at one, and outline the proposed plan of action.

"You're to punch the robber one or two good 'uns" he said, at the conclusion, 'but you're not to hurt him too much. He's to make his gateway remember. If they were to find out that the robber was Sykes, the laugh ud be on us. Get it'.

Jim got it all right.

"I don't like it," he said. "It's underhand. If I'm not an enough to beat this Mister Jerome in the game o' winnin' Mabel by fair means, I'm dang ed if I'm goin' to descend to any other means. Why, Cap'n, if she ever found it out, she'd hate me, and I'd deserve it, too."

Captain Stubbs had expected something like this. He was persuasive and diplomatic. In twenty minutes he had succeeded in convincing his prospective son-in-law that what had been planned had been planned for everybody's best interests.

"All right," Jim agreed reluctantly "Go ahead. I'll do my little part when

the time comes."

At supper that night the captain very tactfully switched the conversation round to house-breaking, robberies and hold-ups. It was not difficult inasmuch as Mrs. Stubbs possessed something of a mania for the subject.

Nine o'clock found everybody keyed up to high nervous tension; and at ten-thirty, the hour of retiring, Mrs. Stubbs personally made a round of windows and doors to see that all were properly fastened.

On the plea of getting a drink from the kitchen tap, the captain managed to unlatch one of the kitchen windows. He winked solemnly at Jim as he bid him goodnight, and followed his wife up to their room.

At precisely one o'clock in the morning Jim Gringley aroused from a slight doze and prepared for the part he was to play in the fake robbery.

Opening his window noiselessly, he stepped through it and hanging by his hands from the sill, dropped softly in the snow bank below. Jim then crept around to the kitchen window and peered inside. The captain had left the kitchen light burning. Yes, there was the robber looking very burglar-like indeed in his black mask. Jim noticed he held a revolver in his

"Well, it was time to set things going. Swinging open the window, Jim crawled inside. As he thudded on hands and knees on the floor, he shouted "Help! Burglars!"

The masked man turned. There was a stab of light, a sharp report and the young farmer felt a bullet share his cheek.

As he twisted over there came another report. Jim heard the tack of a bullet against the floor.

Jim was angry. If this was Constable Sykes' idea of playing fake bad man, he was going altogether too far. He heard rushing feet on the stair cries of wonder, alarm.

Then the burglar made a flying leap

for the window. Jim rose, and his fist shot upward. There was the impact of solid substance against bone, and the robber collapsed sprawlingly on the floor.

"Doggone!"

It was Captain Stubbs' voice that made Jim twist about. Behind the captain, wide-eyed and white of face stood Mabel and her mother. Even as Jim noted this fact, Mrs. Stubbs toppled over. The captain caught her and laid her gently on the floor. Then he approached Jim and glared at him.

"I told you to put the brakes on," he gritted. "Now you see what you've done. They'll find out the whole thing's a hoax."

"But" defended Jim, miserably, "the fool actually shot at me. I sort of forgot myself, I guess."

From behind a high screen which protected the plants from the heat of the coal stove sounded a hallow groan.

Jim sprang across the room. He bent and dragged a limp figure from behind the screen.

It was Constable Sykes. His eye opened. He swallowed and sat up weakly.

"Where is he?" he whispered, feeling his head gingerly.

"Who, Sykes, who?" asked the bewildered captain. "And, Sykes, how the Sam Hill are you there and over here, too?"

He pointed to the senseless figure in the mask.

Sykes stood up groggily. He gazed down at the man on the floor. Then from his hip pocket he produced a pair of handcuffs, and, bending, snapped them on the senseless man's wrists.

"He beamed me, that feller," he spoke in an aside to the captain. "just as I was gettin' in the window. He's a real burglar, that chap."

Light began to dawn on Jim and the captain. The former stopped down and jerked the mask from the unconscious man's face.

The man on the floor was Jerome. The next minute Mabel was weeping softly in Jim's arms. But only two of the words she spoke he remembered later. One was "love" the other "brave" but it was enough.

The captain's voice brought him out of his lonsed thoughts.

"Ma's coming round," he warned "Just listen and hear what she has to say. I'll bet a cookie it'll be the speech of a real woman."

It was. It took Mrs. Stubbs but a few brief seconds to take in the situation. Then she turned indignant eyes on the captain.

"Pa" she chided severely, "this'll maybe teach you a lesson. You orter know better than take an entire stranger into your home, anyways."

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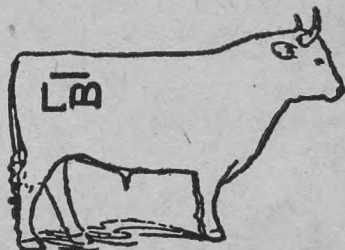
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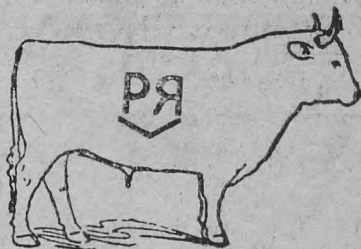
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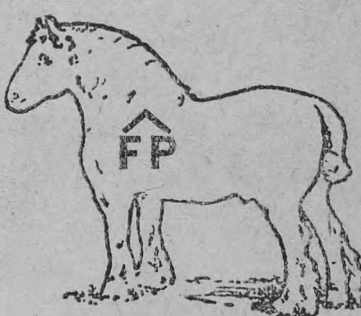
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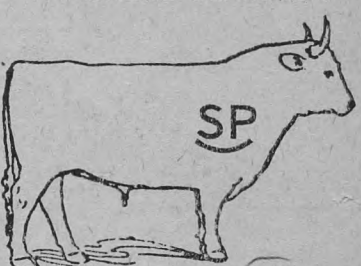
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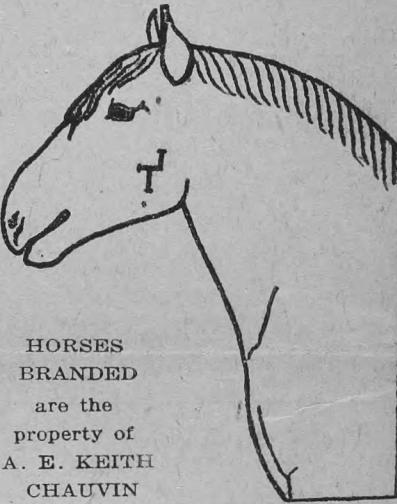


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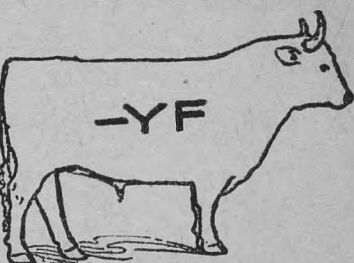
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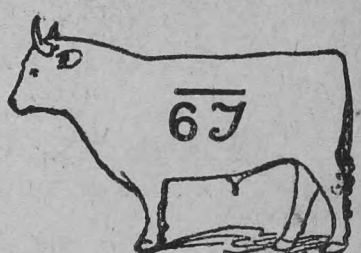
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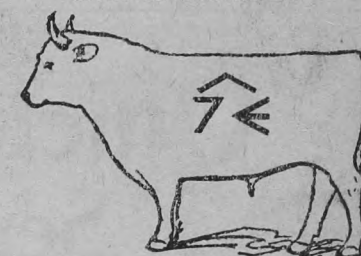
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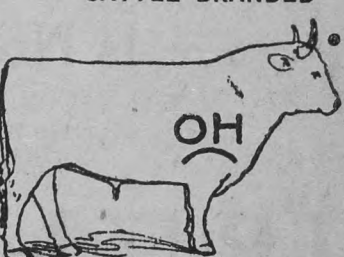
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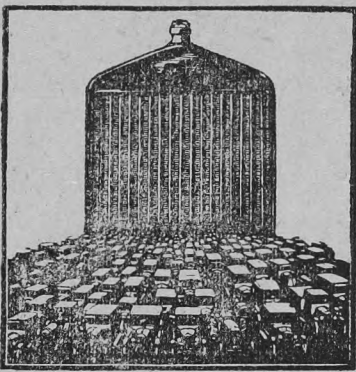


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